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GOVERNMENT-OWNED DAILY /GHANAIAAN TIMES/ OF JULY 6, UNDER
HEADLINE "KUTU RESIGNS AND RETIRES, AKUFFO NOW TAKES
OVER" IS REPEATED IN FULL FYI.

1. "AN ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE CASTLE YESTERDAY SAID
THAT GENERAL IGNATIUS KUTU ACHEAMPONG, COMPANION OF
THE STAR OF GHANA, HEAD OF STATE AND CHAIRMAN OF THE
SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL, HAD RESIGNED THE CHAIRMANSHIP
OF THE COUNCIL AND VOLUNTARILY RETIRED FROM THE
GHANA ARMED FORCES.

2. "THE ANNOUNCEMENT SAID THE DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN
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TO ENSURE THE UNITY AND STABILITY OF THE NATION.

3. "LIEUTENANT-GENERAL F.W.K. AKUFFO, CHIEF OF DEFENCE
STAFF, HAS ASSUMED THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE SUPREME
MILITARY COUNCIL."

4. AN ASSOCIATED STORY HEADLINED "NEW CHANGES IN

POSITIONS ANNOUNCED" FOLLOWS:

5. "THE GOVERNMENT YESTERDAY ANNOUNCED THE FOLLOWING PROMOTIONS, FOLLOWING THE RESIGNATION OF GENERAL ACHEAMPONG AS CHAIRMAN OF THE SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL AND HIS VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT FROM THE GHANA ARMED FORCES.

6. "LT. GEN F.W.K. AKUFFO, FORMERLY CHIEF OF DEFENCE STAFF BECOMES THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SMC WHILE MAJOR-GENERAL R.E.A. KOTEL, ARMY COMMANDER, TAKES OVER AS CHIEF OF DEFENCE STAFF.

7. "BRIGADIER N.A. ODARTEY-WELLINGTON, COMMANDER OF THE FIRST INFANTRY BRIGADE, BECOMES THE NEW ARMY COMMANDER WITH THE RANK OF A MAJOR-GENERAL.

8. "THE REVISED MEMBERSHIP OF THE SMC, THEREFORE, IS AS FOLLOWS: LT. GEN AKUFFO, CHAIRMAN, MR. ERNEST AKO, INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE, MAJOR-GENERAL KOTEL, CHIEF OF DEFENCE STAFF, REAR ADMIRAL J.K. AMEDUME, NAVY COMMANDER, MAJOR GENERAL E.K. UTUKA, BORDER GUARD COMMANDER, AIR VICE-MARSHALL G.Y. BOAKYE, AIR FORCE COMMANDER AND MAJOR GENERAL ODARTEY-WELLINGTON, ALL MEMBERS.

9. "COLONEL I.K. AMOAH, DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF OPERATIONS, MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, HAS ALSO BEEN APPOINTED COMMANDER
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OF THE FIRST INFANTRY BRIGADE AND A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL REDEMPTION COUNCIL(,4:).

10. "THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, BRIGADIER J. NUNOO-MENSAH ALSO BECOMES A MEMBER OF THE NRC."

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